

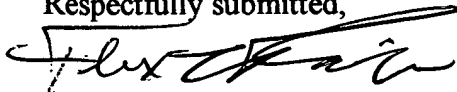
REMARKS

The Examiner's continued finding of allowability of claims 15 - 21 is noted with appreciation. The Examiner's withdrawal of prior obviousness rejections of claims 1-9 and 11-14 is also noted with appreciation.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 and 11-14 under 35 USC §101 as directed to a data structure per se. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to include structural elements for input of data packets for operation of the compare circuit data structure. Applicant respectfully contends that these amendments overcome the Examiner's rejection and that claims 1 and 9 are now allowable and, based on dependency on these now allowable claims, claims 2-8 and 11-14 are also now allowable.

The applicant believes that all claims now pending in the application as amended are now in condition for allowance and action by the Examiner in that regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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